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If our friends who favor us with manuscripts and

## Powers.

The defeated: WILLIAM J. BRYANonce, twice and thrice.

The elected: WOODROW WILSON. The question: Who is to be master within the Democracy's own house?

#### The Mexican Problem.

nation is extremely grave and that in- but it also increases appetite and nutritervention may become necessary after tion. More food is taken, and it is usually all is like the bolt that comes out of a of fattening kind. Indolence and disfair sky. We do not say a clear sky, taste for real locomotion are engendered, for in some parts of Mexico guerrilla with the result of adipose deposits not warfare is still going on and the bandit only in the superficial but in the internal takes his toll. But the partisans of parts of the body. Orozco have been driven out of Chi- There is a rift in this cloud, however; huahua and dispersed by a Federal the Parisian demimonde has decreed army, and the pretentious rising of that slender waists shall be the fashion. FELIX DIAZ died stillborn. Since his This fad discourages fattening foods, fiasco the Mexican Congress has been with the frequent feminine lack of logic in session, various reform bills have of adhering to candies between meals been passed, and the programme of and avoiding bread at meals. Even allotting land to small cultivators has among the advocates of woman's rights been launched. Moreover, the Presi- the change is notable. In the earlier Congress; their relations seem to be was pictured as sharp visaged and more

almost ceased to print anything about portions. To-day we find their cogthe operations of SALAZAR in northern nomen more euphonious and their ap-Mexico, Orozco has dropped out of pearance more agreeable; many are notice altogether, and now the impres- rotund and fashionably attired. And sion that the Madero Government was this evidences an intelligent appreciagradually mastering the situation and tion of the fact that emphasized feminthat danger of intervention was prac-tically past is dispelled rudely. A crisis The present popularity of obesity again impends, so it is said. Everybody cures, absurd and inert as most of them knew that ranch and mining properties are, is evidence of the increase of the in some parts of Mexico were lying un- fair, fat and forty. The loss of graceful productive or idle, and that American outline would not be so deplorable were settlers were annoyed and sometimes its effect only aesthetic. Unhappily roughly handled by brigands, police the deposit of adipose is accompanied pedestrians rather than to any skill or protection being intermittent or nil. by inactivity of the depurative and care on the part of those who drive A bad situation, but common in a coun-eliminating functions which leads to try where a new Government is striving degenerative changes that cripple the to assert and maintain its authority. usefulness of men and women in their That, however, does not seem to be prime. the worst of the matter, according to Washington despatches.

to be that President MADERO'S reply to Secretary Knox's note of expostulation and warning last September was un pleasantly brusque, in the nature of recrimination, and almost truculent. ago, and then there was no intimation toward Mr. BRYAN. that the situation was extremely grave. We know that the advice is disinter-It is not so grave that the American ested because it comes from the Hon Ambassador, who has been in this CHARLES H. GRASTT. We know that to return to the city of Mexico; not so terested because a large part of the grave as to cause Mr. Knox to walk the same page which contains the Baltimore floor nights in Washington; not so grave Sun's advice to us about Mr. BRYAN as to interfere with the President's happens to be devoted to a magnificent voyage of duty and recreation to Colon; double column boxed and displayed and finally, it is not so grave but that declination, in the largest type now in the whole business can be turned over to the incoming Wilson Administration either a Cabinet office in President as a problem to be solved.

### Is Obesity Increasing?

That the average avoirdupois of people living in easy circumstances in in the tallest letters on the whole page our cities and towns is increasing of Would that Brother BRYAN could be so late has been observed by many. Es- nobly unselfish! pecially do American city women display increased rotundity when compared with those of half a century ago. The prevailing style of feminine apparel brings this fact into somewhat main to be disposed of, there is small bold relief. The spare habit and angu- reason to doubt the general impression lar outline of the Yankee woman were that by signing an Albanian agreement noted by travellers from foreign lands the representatives of the great Powers

old timers may remember as the leader kan war may be resumed, but at all of the English blondes who dominated events the continental Armageddon the theatregoing gilded youth, not to seems to have been once more indefimention the more mature front row nitely postponed. frequenters of the '70s, has depicted our | Superficially, the advantage in the romen in a recent book. Acute observer long duel over Albania which has been that she was, the increased rotundity of carried on between Vienna and St. our women did not escape her practised Petersburg rests with Austria. Her eye when she revisited this country contention that Servia should have no twenty years later. She wrote that in seacoast on the Adriatic has been up-1874 "the women were painfully thin," held by the Powers, and the new State while in 1896 she describes them as "de- of Albania actually dominated by Aus-

well to do young women have in recent Southern Slavs. years become devotees of outdoor life, Yet, if Austria preserves her prestige rejoicing in bronzed necks and brawny and wins a technical victory, her loss arms, which they expose to view with goes far toward warranting the familiar a freedom that would have shocked their statement that the Balkan war has delicate complexion to the summer sun. defeat, and Russia has in 1912 taken MOND RAWNSLEY, Vicar of Keswick and This exercise and sport are not, however, ample revenge for the annexation of carried to the point of flesh reduction; Bosnia and Herzegovina, accomplished known personally to many Americans rather do they improve appetite and di- in 1908, when Russia was forced to re- and known to many more by his amiable gestion, so that when the woman reaches tire before the menace of Austrian and writings about the Lake country in

or matinée, followed by tea or chocolate racial reintegration.

Published daily, including Sunday, by the Sun Printing and Publishing Association at 170 Nassau or opera, followed not rarely by sumpsireet, in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, tuous restaurant suppers, one or more ian rivalry—a new irredenta, since for or opera, followed not rarely by sump- fact on extension of the Austro-Ital- RAWNSLEY'S: each Albania is a vital detail in the It must not be inferred that her home plan of national expansion. To the is neglected. She arranges the menu Trentino and Trieste there is now added London office. Effingham House, 1 Arunder by telephone and the cook does the the Albanian question. European jourrest; she returns from her peregrina- nals have already suggested that Albations between shop, concert and club nia may yet prove another Schleswigin time to inquire about the children. Holstein for Austria. to rest and dress for the evening cam- For the moment, however, the Albapaign. Servants relieve her of the nian agreement works for peace and a

Constrained for publication wish to have rejected household worries that made her predegrateful end to a long and dangerous cessor gaunt and angular. Nor does period of tension. Over the delimitation purpose. household worries that made her prede- grateful end to a long and dangerous she need to climb stairs innumerable tion of the frontiers of the more or less times a day like the latter, being spared imaginary Albania and questions of in-The Conference of the Democratic this exertion by electric devices which dependence or Turkish suzerainty there bring the servants to her beck and call are certain to be debates. Albania will without exertion. Dwellers in the mod- undoubtedly in its own time make ern tenements by courtesy called apart- new troubles. But, as at Berlin, the ment houses enjoy still greater exemp- great nations at London have appartion from exercise by reason of eleva- ently reached an agreement which, if a The rapid driving in fresh air brings finance a chance to resume operations.

## Street Crossing.

widespread comment. It is worth re- the Christmas her father, was knocked down much in the new at over twenty miles an hour. The farm, and excites a hope that there may and dent has had no serious difference with days the typical woman's rights shrieker girl had no chance for her life." It is also worth recording that the occupants been arrested, has no license.

> vated by its attendant circumstances. the cowardly brutality of the occupants for starting prices down the chute of the car and the fact that the chauffeur was driving when he had no right to In its essential details it is repeated on Broadway hundreds of times sassination is not in every case the conautomobiles with a complete disregard for the ordinary courtesies of the road.

The actual death roll is heavy enough. death which have become a commonplace of daily existence in New York and which, as often as not, provoke from the almost assa sein an insult which one takes his life in his hands. | ceived a fee for his declamation.

For the sake of their own credit owners of automobiles who appreciate the and there can be no doubt that such owners form the majority, should join with the general public in demanding country for several weeks, is in a hurry the Hon. Charles H. Grasty is disinthat the reckless minority be made to stantial agreement. She is the strongest pay a severe penalty, not only after of the 400, "a splendidly rounded athlete, life has been sacrificed but when they height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 171 pounds are found driving in such a way as to a sturdy basketball player, indifferent to

### Light Out of Darkness.

Reluctant though we are to detract Training School for Boys, which has just made its annual report to Mayor GAYNOR. Its maintenance cost more per capita in 1913 than in 1911, and the revolting details are set forth in the

subjoined	table:			
	1	911.	1912.	
		Per		Per
	Total.	Capita.	Total.	Capita.
Meat	\$4,223.88	\$20.339	\$4,648.28	\$28.074
Bread	2,786.48	18.177	2,967.99	14.744
Milk	2,631.71	12.678	3,048.34	15.123
Vegetables	1,412.84	6.803	2,840.84	11.633
Groceries	5,800.57	27.982	5,896.91	29.309
Fish	389.79	1.877	598.04	2.972
Ice	289.42	1.394	361.52	1.797

Totals ... \$17,484.69 \$84.195 \$19,851.87 \$98.652 The managers hasten to say that the was slightly lower this year than last, but the principal reason was the higher prices of foodstuffs. However, we can extract some comfort even from these figures. We thank heaven that everything did not go up in proportion to the vegetables.

### A Lake Poet's Sonnet.

A Duluth correspondent sends us copy of the Westminster Gazette sonnet recently addressed to Governor WILSON by the Rev. HARDWICK DRUM-Canon of Carlisle, author of many books, which he lives, and the Lake and other The cost to Austria of the present poets. "Is not this a rather unusual who abhor exertion of any kind and who struggle has been twofold. Under the sonnet," asks our Minnesota friend. "in that it contains at least some glimpse 000,000 worth of sugar we are credited flict her trade has languished, her finan- of real beauty, which is seldom found

> Certainly all the world writes sonnets most of which would be improved by

which contributed to great wear and foreign loans and will be the cause the excision of fourteen lines. Canon THE A B C OF FINANCIAL SUCtear of mind and body among their of still greater borrowings hereafter. RAWNSLEY is a veteran sonneteer, and No longer may a man boast of the "pies" But material losses, great as they are, albeit this is primarily a "tribute" to a that mother makes," for the caterer now must seem incomparably less than the personal friend, and the publication of gambling had forced up the price of crude prepares them. No longer is woman's political. The rise of the Southern Slavs it can only be embarassing to Governor thay from \$12 to \$23 a ton I was using my patience exhausted by teasing, worry- has not merely placed two dangerous Wilson, who must have shivered as own statistics. An old fashioned reader ing children; the maid or governess little nations on the open southern fron- he saw himself hailed in print as "Friend in Salina, Kan., wants to know where I bears the brunt of this trying duty, tier, but it has been a powerful stimulus of the gray-blue eye and chiselled face." No longer does she visit the butchers' to the 26,000,000 Slavs who are the ma- This is complimentary, to be sure, and don't start; I didn't have to find them. and bakers' shops; the telephone jority of the Austrian population to not unintentionally irritating like STE- We men of affairs, we writers by the brings the wares to her. The modern resist the tyranny of the German and venson's observations on Andrew clock, have little time to waste in finding city housewife spends her time more Hungarian minorities which rule them. LANG'S brindled hair, but it is a compliagreeably if less healthfully, in the For the 6,000,000 Serbo-Croats and the mentora truth that might well have been morning with shopping in heated and 4,000,000 Rumanians on the frontier it kept in manuscript. Still, its innocence artificially lighted stores or in concert has also been a final impulse to pur- of intention pleads for it successfully. halls; the afternoon at bridge or club sue their long cherished ambitions for and in the present conflict of the light and Erebus in the Jerseys, what prophand cake; in the evening at the theatre | Again, autonomous Albania means in ecy could be more cheering than Canon

these lines testify eloquently

"Who could have dreamed that power so soon should dwell

For never have you sought for fame

Nor willing did you leave the student's

The high and brilliant imagination

place.

State claims Coney Island. - Headling A mere parochial protest, Coney Island belongs to the universe.

chamber at Albany, where admission is predicated merely upon a certificate of election.

Victims of the recklessness of auto-ments, brigades, divisions, corps and board-bronze heavy- me for letting the public "in": is declared by an eye witness to tolls. It is a welcome manifestation of

Did he go to Trenton "cocked hat in

in every day. The mere fact that as- the south pole, having defeated both the and the Curb "market." In way of jest sequence of reckless speeding on a here next spring and will give a series of lectures on his achievement. As is crowded thoroughfare is due to the generally known, I found a great quantit mercy of Providence and the agility of of mineral deposits in the Antarctic notably tin, but the difficulty of getting at them s almost insurmountable. Sie Ennest SHACKLETON

both for the regulations of the city and of the realm, is comparatively easy of acquisition in the United States. explorers need it, and lecturing for the but it is nothing compared with the commodity is legitimate. Sir ERNEST number of narrow escapes from sudden SHACKLETON has told the story of his the tape. I knew what it meant. My old dash for the south pole into a phonograph horn, which was equally legitimate and insured a larger audience. Sir ERNEST was following Commander PEARY'S example; or did Sir ERNEST speak into the hurled at the victim who has eluded horn first? President TAFT has addressed we acknowledge with thanks some dis- him. Crossing Broadway in the up- the country through the same medium; town districts is now an adventure in and so has Mr. BRYAN, who perhaps re

> The "perfect woman" has again bee consideration that is due to others, discovered, this time at Cornell, which carries 400 "coeds" upon its rolls. Her perfection is not intellectual or tempera mental, but physical; it is the only kind of perfection upon which there could be sub-

> In what might be called a postscript i s said of the young lady that "she is an ardent suffragist." This is the really im portant thing. A suffragist of such heft from the joy of Christmas, stern duty and strength, who is ardent in the cause, comples us to reveal the disquieting ex- will count more than a regiment of puny, perience of the Brooklyn Disciplinary sallow women who do not have their emo tions under control and cry easily. If the Cause could mobilize a hundred "perfect women" and send them out to proselyte there would be nothing for the men to do but surrender at discretion.

> > the Mexican situation it is said that "President TAFT's policy has been 'non-interven tion,' although a jingo policy might have won him votes when he needed them. Just like Mr. TAFT-a good patriot but an indifferent politician.

England is becoming almost as taciture many. In October the battleships Queen Elizabeth and Warspite, of 30,000 displacement, were laid down at Portsncrease of \$14.457 a head in the cost of It is planned to put engines in that will give subsistence was influenced to a certain these great ships a speed of twenty-nine degree by the fact that the attendance knots, making them as fast as battle cruisers. They will have main batterie of ten 14 inch guns. When they go int twenty-nine knots to the Fuso's twenty two, will make them more formidable.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Joseph, Florida avenue, Cincinnati, is a dealer in Surely he is entitled to full membership. The letters you have recently printed in regard to sausage making remind me that the best sau-sage I ever tasted was made by the firm of Cole BROOKLYN, December 21.

The Contest of the Long-Agos. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Who remembers the Franklin Museum on Broadway, east side, just below Canal street, and later in

Enicker—Does Johnny believe in Santa Claus? Bocker—No, he has lost faith in the ability of proons driving anything resembling a messe

Chapter Sixth: The Hay Fever Panic. When I stated last month that stock found my figures. My honest friend, figures. We know them by instinct. Does my Salina friend appreciate that this found my figures"? It's enough to make

living vitally affects the pocketbook. Or solid realities to me; and this a dream to put it in less concrete language. The will never be. Other people's dreams may to put it in less concrete language: The people's necessities have gone up like the buzzard in Uncle Remus. You remember when the little boy asks: "What did this matter. the buzzard do, Uncle Remus"? And the old man replies: "The buzzard? Why, he riz!" So it is with porterhouse steaks. So it is with steamed squash. Every quick lunch vender knows these secrets. These are no noonday chromos, but plain lifelike spectres for my readers to see. The query is: Where do the sixty billions of excess charges go?

Gaze at the fundamentals There are three forms of labor, stock gambling, magazine writing and coupon The people are defrauded by cutting. the first and the last, but I offer them a haven of peaceful sleep by means of the second, where the weary cease from tossing seas, gorgeous woods, ballrooms, troubling about margins and the wicked subterranean passages, even newspaper are having a rest from Roosevelt. My

point is this: Can it be stopped? tors which take them to automobile or makeshift, will at least give Europe time Sulzer is not hung in the Metropolitan enough to know, first, that the System's I trust that my readers have sense carriage with a minimum of exertion, to recover its confidence and European it can adorn the wall of the Executive newsboys don't want it stopped, that the System's bankers don't want it stopped. and that the mental harlots who attack me don't want it stopped. Want what stopped? The buzzard from rising.

If you caitiffs who wish me in Jericho. if you System flatterers want a tale of mobile hogs are so plenteous that one grand armies to railway stations to frenzied truth about yourselves, listen more or less has ceased to arouse any entrain for the Thanksgiving table and to this, if the "Steel crowd" will forgive

cording, however, that on Wednesday a young girl, crossing Broadway at Seventy-seventh street in company with her father, was knocked down. with her father, was knocked down much in the new papers of late. A turkey what it was I do not know, seemed to tell and killed instantly by an automobile drive to market is now worth telegraph me that there were rapids ahead. I looked out of the etched glass windows of have been speeding on a wet pavement the unsuspected productiveness of the my purple private offices on State street saw a well known broker making same witness asserts, according to one report of the incident, that "the land engaged in well remunerated toil tracks for "the floor" of the exchange for her life." It is to reduce the cost of living. there may be no confusion let me explain that I mean the stock market. This of the car at once disappeared into the ing of eggs, millions and millions of them, broker, who once wrote his name in six figures, was an ancient enemy of mine because I declined to have him on board

> In that day the old Hay Trust was forerunner of the Harvester Trust. It was "listed" as "Timothy Second Pre-ferred." On the "Street" and on "the Curb" it was simply known as "Tim. Lest there be confusion in the corn belt let me explain that I refer to Wall Street I had told my kennelman once to name a bull pup after it and little "Tim" became my companion on the cup defender. That April morning my kennelman rang me up on Phone No. 7 in my private office

"Tim," said he, "looks blear eyed and is weeping at the nose." Any dog fancier knows what this means; poor Tim was in for a case of distemper

Just at that moment the ticker began to coo: "Timothy Pref. 40,000-66, 18,000-62, 400-58." I leaped to my feet and "pinched enemy, the broker, thought he was going to catch me "short." I took up phone No. 2 in my private office and said to my kennelman: "Shall we make Tim's dismper famous through out the world? He replied: "Go as far as you like; I'm out of the market just now.

I fingered the tape for a moment and wenty-three dollar "floor operator," who can get results by a simple twist of the article. whispered, and so on up and down my pipeline of wires. By nightfall my winnings netted me just "a century" less than three million in real vellow Confederate money. I had buncoed the "Steel crowd"

### The Welcome Yellow Label

TO THE MOTTOR OF THE SUN-Sir: This mort a we received our first Christmas nackage, dethe thing that pleased us greatly was that there was no arguing or blokering over express charges, legitimate or otherwise. Why? Because the yellow label was placed where we could readily see it, and we knew the label of that

we would have instantly paid the charges, as that would have indicated that the shipper had not said them. If the package had been delivered without a label it would have been delivered without charges, the matter then being up to the express company to make collection thereafter

from the proper party.

This label scheme seems to be the best the express companies have adopted in some time, even though it was ordered by the Interstate Commerce It is for the benefit and protection of the public, not only in this city but all over the

It is a fact that during the holiday season som of the drivers and helpers on the express wagons and trucks do a certain amount of grafting, or at least they did in years gone by. Many persons receiving packages by express were so enthus to pay a small charge to get their packages. Some of the charges were illegitimate and persons paying them did not discover the fraud perpetrated on them until too late. Even then som persons disliked to make trouble for the express men during the Christmas season. D. NEW YORK, December 21.

The Blue Grotte of Capri.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Entering the Blue Grotto of the Island of Capri, off the coast of Italy, through an opening three fee high by four wide, of a sunny afternoon, brigh ight, beautifully blue and silvery, salutes the eye Is it natural or artificial? Is it sufficient of dark, cloudy afternoons? Baedeker and other

uides and the encyclopedias do not answer the Does the light come from the entrance of the cave, only three or four feet high and wide? Or can there be an unmentioned natural cause

NEW LONDON, Conn., December 20. Short Definition

Knicker-What is a spug? Bocker-An anti-Santy.

on Burnett begins a new novel with a forty page

instalment, while Norman Duncan and Edna Kenton contribute short stories. Professor A. L. Frothingham explains the Arch of Constantine at Rome, Professor W. L. Phelps comments on Browning and his son, H. B. Fuller writes of American waterways, Mary Shaw on Josep Jefferson, W. T. Ellis on Christianity in the land of Islam, and there are papers on the impeach-ment of Andrew Johnson and on opera in New York. There are also five poems, and some pic-sures without text, including etchings by Frank DREAMS AND GHOSTS.

Psychical Experience as Affected by the Cates of Christmas.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "A Grandfather's Dream" interested me, for it goes to carry out a theory of mine that freams are taking the place of ghosts at hristmas time. I never could quite undertand why Christmas should lure these fantastic creatures from their warm fire-sides unless it is that the cool snow makes a grateful change after the fervor of their torrid zone. Hamlet's father, however walked in all weathers, so maybe I am mis time were I to try to tell him "where I livy wreathed castles, the snowy terraces." and dark, desolate corridors that were solemnly paced by old time spooks. My contention is simply this: High cost 'never saw a ghost, but ghosts were always come true, just as ghosts have surely ap-peared to a great many friends of mine; but I have been strangely unfortunate in

Once upon a time I made a waxen image of a most superstitious lady who would insist on telling me her experiences, and for every related incident I stuck a pin in that image, just to show my incredulity. When the number of pins amounted to a hundred I cast that image into the fire to satisfy my scorn of her fictions. But dreams are now the thing. A baker's mince pie is likely to accentuate one's subconsciousness to an appalling degree. A singing subconsciousness makes you likely to be "possessed" popular song, which is of course a kind of insanity. Anyway a dream is a species of indignity. In certain excited states of the brain one can travel in dreams through all sorts of variegated scenes, battlefields, offices, and the unexpectedness of the incidents is rather interesting.
Subconsciousness is indeed a vast prop-

erty room, containing an infinite wardrobe, all kinds of scenes, and any amount of "supers" ready to put on all the faces we Yes, one of the great pleasures of Christmas is the dreams it brings forth. After a generous helping of mince pie red Indians and wild beasts are rampant, while a luscious quantity of plum pudding lures me on to deeds of blood. Conscious of having eaten too much I ask for results from my subconsciousness, and the latter, even if it does not know the t does it is cocksure, and its humor I find of the old ineradicable stock joke Ve have been educated to a Christmas without ghosts, but what a wilderness the season would be were we deprived of dreams which never by any chance come

BROOKLYN, December 18.

#### HARRIGAN AND HART. The Faithful Portrayal of East Side Life in Their Plays.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: ader of THE SUN for thirty-three years he recent articles concerning the portraval of East Side life in New York city and the neidental songs rendered by Harrigan and Hart have been a source of rare enjoyment

Being a student of medicine in New York ity from 1876 to 1880 my post-graduate ourse enabled me to witness some East Side people and their environments, and I am certain none of the present day plays nearly approaches in depicting conditions life the plays that were enacted by Harrigan and Hart. What popular songs of to-day can be compared with "Paddy Duffy's Cart," "Lit-

tle Fraud" and "Dad's Dinner Pail"?
In addition we must not forget that Harrigan and Hart, without the support of the nimitable Annie Yeamans, especially as Cordelia in "Cordelia's Aspirations," would be like coffee without sugar and cream. Your older readers will remember what a erious predicament Mulligan (Harrigan) finds himself in with his first "full dress suit," and his difficulty in drinking the champagne without dipping his glass in the the plan of arbitration followed in the fountain playing in the drawing room for case of the engineers.

"chaser." J. E. MOITH, M. D. FISHKILL-ON-HUDSON, December 20. "chaser.

#### The Baptist Publication Society's Revision of the Scriptural Text.

meeting of the board of managers of the American Baptist Publication Society held derman Percy L. Davis testified yester-December 19 attention was called to an day in the former's trial for attempted then called up Houdini, the strongest floor article in THE SUN of November 20 headed extortion, of which both are accused manipulator known to man. He is a "Bible Without Hell, or Jonah and Whale," They said that they had taken the \$5,000 and I was asked to write you regarding this check from Mrs. Carroll at her article. May I be permitted to say that own insistance and for her benefit. wrist. "Buy 22,000 Tim at the market." I there is no foundation whatever for the Davis strongly denited that he had charge that the revision of the Scriptures recently issued by our society eliminates hell and "modifies the whale story"? As The two swore that they had met "Sheel" and the corresponding Greek word
"Hades" refer in a general way to the abode
"Carroll first in connection with an automatic dishwasher concern and also of departed souls. These words are ren-dered in our revision "the underworld." which they were interested. They said occurs in the Greek text it is translated means simply "great fish," and this render-ing is given in our revision, as it is also in the American Standard Revision. May I also be permitted to say that the

Improved Edition, as we venture to call yellow label was placed where we could readily see it, and we knew the label of that our revision, makes no change whatever color meant that the shipper had already paid in the original Hebrew and Greek texts? It is simply a faithful and exact rendering dignified English. If those disposed to criticise the revision will kindly procure a he could copy and will compare it with other versions or revisions they will see that the reports concerning it which have been floating about have no foundation whatever in fact The new version is not a Baptist Bible in any other sense than that Baptist scholars have been engaged in making it and that Lord a Baptist publishing house has issued it. plied: The publishers will be glad to be shown that any of its renderings are not an ac-A. J. ROWLAND, ireek texts. General Secretary American Baptist Publication Society.

NEW YORK, December 21.

TRENTON, N. J., December 20.

Boosevelt Carried California. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Who car led California in the recent election, Roosevel r Wilson? W. R. White.

Roosevelt carried California, getting eleven of the thirteen electoral votes, against two

Missourian's Prophetic Clock. "I have an old clock at home," said Dennis Cale the other day, "which has never struck the hour since Cleveland was defeated. On the morning after the election of Wilson it commenced to

My life is made a witchcraft place Through gazing on her form and face. Now 'tis her smile, whose sorcers

Now 'tis her frown that comes and goes That makes my heart a page of prose

Some day, perhaps, a word of hers Will change my life to happy verse. MADISON CAWRIN.

Work and Love.

Within the world of every man's desire Two things have power to lift the soul above The one is work, who dons a mean attire; The other love, who garbs herself in fire; Their child is hope, and we the heirs thereof.

# RAILROADS REJECT FIREMEN'S DEMANDS

Companies Refuse to Recognize Justice of Request for Extra Help.

WILLING TO ARBITRATE

hairman Lee Suggests Permanent Committee to Settle Differences.

The reply of the committee rejecting the modified demands of the firemen on the Eastern railroads was submitted vesterday in the form of a letter from Elisha Lee, chairman of the managers' committee, to W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. read at a joint conference of the two committees in the Engineering Societies Building. President Carter had received a telegram that a sister was i in Denver and had left to join her, and his place at the conference was filled b

Vice-President Wall In his answer Mr. Lee reiterates the statement that the railroads cannot ment of two firemen on the largest engines. The conference committee of the railroads, he says, does not recognize the justice of the request for extra firemen, but recognizes that in no case should an employee in any class of service be expected or permitted to perform service which will require excessive physical effort. While the ques tion of expense must carry weight, he says, yet where assistance for the firemen is necessary the cost is of minor

consideration He then repeats the offer of the railroads to consider a settlement on the basis of the award in the case of the engineers and to consider an increase of present rates in some instances. He suggests the appointment of a

permanent committee for each road to determine when assistance should be given to firemen. He says the modified demands would cost the railroads \$9,600,000 annually or 35 per cent, advance on the present

wages of the firemen, and that the de mands ought to be settled without resort to arbitration or any extreme measure. He concludes as follows: The relations of the railroads to their emplayees and to the public were clearly brought out in the controversy with the engineers, and the position which either party could take and retain the support

of the public on the question of arbitra-tion was quite clearly indicated by the expression of public opinion at a time when the public was much concerned. The railroads still adhere to the tion which they took at that time; and while we trust it may still be possible to come to an agreement between ourselves I am instructed to inform you that if employees and to the public were clearly is the opinion of the managers' committee that the plan of arbitration should not exactly follow the lines of the Erdman act, but that the number of arbitrators

be substantially the same as in the en-gineers' case, and for the same reasons which led to the adoption of that plan by the Federal authorities, The reply was discussed for about two hours, but no decision was reached and the joint conference was adjourned until January 6 at 2:20 P M

The firemen say they want arbitration under the Erdman act rather than

DAVIS TELLS OF TAKING CHECK

# Alderman Accused of Extortion Says

Missionary Eben J. Owens and derman Percy L. Davis testified yester

The two swore that they had met Wherever, however, the word "gehenna" that when they heard last August of the defamatory affidavit to which Viola thell." So also the Hebrew word rendered Dawson, a former servant of Mrs. Car-whale" in the King James translation roll, had sworn they regulated to talk roll, had sworn they resolved to help Owens asserted that Mrs. Car. roll had forced the check on the two men, who then decided they would use part of it to help the Dawson girl, for

whom both felt great sympathy. Assistant District Attorney Moss asked Owens if he thought he could serve two masters at the same time. Owens said that at that time he thought

To a question by Justice Goff, be fore whom the case is being tried Owens made a statement and ended with "God knows, gentlemen." Justice warned Owens not to bring the Lord into it so much, and Owens re-

"I beg your pardon, your Honor that's just a habit of mine. Davis under cross-examination by Mr Moss said that in taking the check he hought he was serving the best inerests of both Mrs. Carroll and the

THIS LADY WANTS HER AIRSHIP

Dawson girl.

Dr. Schneider Tells Judge Mechanic Has Hidden Aeroplane. Mrs. Eva M. Schneider of 1020 East

178th street, Manhattan, had Fred H. Luense, a mechanician, haled before Magistrate Dodd yesterday in the Adams street court, Brooklyn, on a ummons to explain the alleged illegal possession of her \$2,000 aeroplane. Her lawyer explained that the aeroplane disappeared last summer from the Nasstrike and never quit until it had struck twenty-that the Demoa storage warehouse in New Jersey

"This lady wants her airship," her awyer said. "She can't have it until she pays my client what she owes him." Luense's awyer replied.

The matter was put over for a hearing next Tuesday.

#### The Public Speaking Club. The Dinner Association of the Public

Speaking Club will be address vening, at its dinner at Cavanagh's res evening, at its dinner at Cavanagh's restaurant, by Col. Abraham Gruber, one of the directors of the New York Peace Society. This association, which was formed by former members of Grenville Kleiser's public speaking class at the Y. M. C. A., has a dinner every month at which the members practise speaking in public Frequently the members are very much enlivened by bolts of oratory on unique topics. Novel issues of great importance have been raised on various occasions.

ancestors as much as the exposure of a been as much an Austrian as a Turkish middle age and settles in comfortable German attack. life she joins the ranks of rotund women consume a large proportion of the \$400,- cloud of an approaching European con-

of these.

color to the cheek and sends the blood The intimation that the Mexican sit- bounding through the enervated body. The Automobile at the Crowded

or less unkempt, with the occasional Newspapers in the United States have appearance of a virage of ample pro-

The remedy is to eat less fattening food and more green vegetables and The worst of the matter is declared fruits and to walk more in the open air. A Splendid Renunciation.

At this beautiful season of the year This is not official: it is presumed to interested advice from our esteemed be the judgment of the State Depart- contemporary and namesake the Sun ment. Parts of the Mexican reply, or of Baltimore, respecting our own inrejoinder, were published some time conspicuous and insignificant attitude

use south of Mason and Dixon's line, of

WILSON'S Administration or the Ambassadorship to France. This act and instrument of renunciation is genuine because it is signed by the Hon. CHARLES H. GRASTY himself

The Albanian Agreement. While many incidental difficulties re in London have in fact given Europe For instance, Miss SOLDENE, whom Christmas present of peace. The Bal-

lightful persons, plump and athletic." tro-Italian influence will put a real limit The reason is not far to seek. Many upon the western expansion of the

with disposing of in a year. The ma- cial institutions have suffered grave nowadays in that highly artificial form jority of these favored individuals do losses and undergone great strain. The the sonnet?" not spend much time in the routine house- mobilization of her army has compelled hold labors and intimate child training an expenditure which has already forced

These are the immediate losses.

his product is workmanlike enough,

Your soul shall triumph in the darkest night.

As to the poetical quality of the piece

Within your hands to guide the Wester

of this passage is undeniable.

Even if the portrait of the Hon. WILLIAM

Judging from the tremendous outpourcrowd and that the chauffeur, who has in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Chicago and other cities, the cold storage This particular instance is aggra- warehousemen overdid the thing; but the my cup defender. women of Philadelphia should have credit

German and the Scott expeditions, will be

"Tin." which in England stands for coin

candy but fond of beefsteak.

In a Washington despatch dealing with

about her naval construction as Germouth and Devonport respectively, and there was no parade of the undertaking. commission they will be the only 80,000 warships affoat except the Fuso of the Japanese navy, which was laid down in March. It is probable that the British battleships will be completed first; but owever that may be, their greater speed,